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Applicant : MIZUNO, Y. et al.
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 12, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.